(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLE): (a) Against the total export of seafood products valued at Rs. 5957.05 crore from India during the year 2001-02, the export from the ports in Andhra Pradesh amounted to Rs. 956.53 crore, which accounts for 16.1%. The contribution of Andhra Pradesh to total Shrimp Exports is estimated to be around 48% in value terms.

(b) Except for seasonal closures, which are routine in the marine products processing industry, no large scale closure of fish processing units and export houses in Andhra Pradesh has been reported.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) There is no scheme for giving concessions, incentives and subsidies for reopening of closed processing units and export houses.

Exhibition international Stonemart, 2003

1865. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an exhibition International Stonemart, 2003 was organized in Jaipur in the month of February, 2003;

(b) the name of the countries which had participated in this exhibition, local and international, company-wise;

(c) the outcome of the exhibition indicating whether International trade agreements were signed in favour of stone industries of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India Stonemart 2003 was held in Jaipur in February, 2003 in which India, Italy, France, Greece, Iran, Netherlands, Singapore, South Korea, U.K., Turkey, USA, UAE, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Spain, Nigeria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Russia, Kuwait, Portugal, Canada, New Zealand, China, Indonesia and Malaysia participated. As many as 150 Indian Companies participated in the Fair. The details of international companies are as under:

Country	Company
China	Beijing Mentougou Chengzi Diamond Factory; Best Cheer; Chinstar Fair Co. Ltd.; Longhi Douling Saw Blade Co. Ltd.; Quanzou Jinli Diamond Cutting Tools Co. Ltd.; Ylchang HXF Circular Saw Industrial Co. Ltd.'; Zhengzhou Anuha Abrasives Industrial Co. Ltd.
Italy	Barsanti; Bideseimpianti srl; Breton; East India Co. srl; IMM Carrara; Marmo Macchine International; Olifer srl; Pedrini; Pometon; Pragma srl; Tyrolit; Verona Fair Authority
Belgium	Diamond Boart SA
Greece	Drama Marmor Lazaridis sa Drama
Spain	Piedra; solga Diamant

(c) and (d) The event was a success and provided an excellent opportunity to showcase Indian dimensional stone prowess to the national and international market. The event also provided a platform for interaction to architects, experts and important players in the sector. In all 24 Letter of Intents (LOIs)/Sale agreements were signed between Indian and Foreign companies. Around 4900 domestic/overseas queries were received which are likely to result in substantial business. As many as 120 one-to-one buyer-seller meetings were also held in the event.

Tobacco farming under contract farming

1866. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are moves to bring tobacco farming in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka under contract farming by vested interests;

(b) whether tobacco growers of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have strongly opposed the move and pressed for the continuation of existing production and auction system under the Tobacco Board;

(c) whether the contract farming system in operation before the formation of Tobacco Board proved to be anti-farmer vith underweighment of produce and delayed payments by buyers/agents; and